

DIA review completed.

6 AUG 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: DIA Activity on the Order of Battle

1. On Friday, 2 August 1968, Lt. Col. Thomann called to tell me that our most recent comment on the definitions and our proposal on criteria had been taken up by General Carroll that morning.

2. General Carroll, according to Thomann, had reviewed and accepted our changes to the DIA definition paper with one ~~ex~~ception - our proposed revision on administrative services. General Carroll was sending the paper to Saigon on 3 August with a team that was going to do order of battle work. The team would show this definitions paper to MACV and would also show them our proposed revisions or comments on administrative services to get their reaction.

3. Thomann reported that Carroll had reviewed our proposals on criteria. He said that Carroll had mixed emotions, principally because he was not convinced the existing criteria are bad but rather he felt that probably MACV's enforcement of this criteria was what was wrong. I gather from the conversation, General Carroll agreed with our comments on the POSSIBLE category, and was neutral about our proposal of the PROBABLE category. I sensed that on the criteria proposal, the General had no strong feelings and his reaction will be determined by what MACV says.

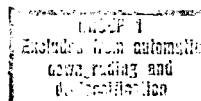
4. The DIA team being sent to Saigon was supposed to go there for at least three weeks. Thomann assured me that they were instructed to report back on both the definitions and the criteria proposals as soon as they had been taken up with MACV. He said that we would be cut in on these messages as soon as they were received. He also said he would send me a clean copy of these proposals as they left DIA. As of this date I have not received them.

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